

Remarks/Arguments:

With the present amendment, claims 1-21 and 22-25 are pending. Claims 23-30 are under consideration, with claims 1-21 and 31-51 having been withdrawn pursuant to a Restriction Requirement.

Office Action

The Detailed Action of the present Office Action fails to list the claims that are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). The Examiner is thanked for the verbal indication in a telephone discussion with the undersigned on June 21, 2007 that claims 22-25, 27, and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), and that claim 26 is objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowed if amended to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 26 has been amended to include the limitations of base claim 22. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 26 is in condition for allowance. Prompt reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 23 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended claim 23 to provide proper antecedent basis for the term "axis." Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Regarding claim 24, the recitation of a delivery system has been canceled. Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 24 is now consistent with independent claim 26 in this regard. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 22-25, 27, and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,520,986 to Martin et al. ("Martin"). Independent claim 22 has been canceled, with the limitations of claim 22 incorporated into allowable claim 26. Claims 23-25, 27, and 29 all ultimately depend from claim 26 and are therefore allowable over Martin for at least the same reasons as allowable claim 26. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 23-25, 27, and 29 are respectfully requested.


Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 28-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Martin in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,254,628 to Wallace et al. ("Wallace"). Claims 28-30 all ultimately depend from allowable claim 26. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 28-30 are allowable over the proposed combination of Martin and Wallace for at least the same reasons as set forth above with respect to allowable claim 26. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 28-30 are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In light of the above amendments and arguments, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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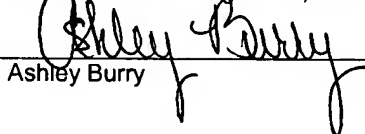
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